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1. Of the scheduled 270 billion units of penicillin per month, only 81 billion units were produced by the VEB Jenapharm in Jena in January 1955. Fifty percent of the production plan was fulfilled in February. Since no penicillin had been delivered in November and December 1954, the supplies, including the state reserve, were exhausted, and the hospitals were in need of penicillin, by February 1955.
2. Most of the difficulties of the penicillin production were caused by the insufficient sterility during the processing. Other difficulties arose from the fact that the efficiency of the penicillin stock decreased considerably. The use of another stock, which was available at the plant as reserve, appeared rather doubtful since it had been tested only in the laboratory and not in the tank.

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